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In re Patent Application of:
Alvin J. Borthwick

Application No.: 10/608,711

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For: System for Managing Requests and
Method of Managing Requests

**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37.C.F.R. §1.27(c) AND
REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER §1.28**

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The undersigned hereby asserts, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c), that small entity status is entitled to be asserted in this application. Small entity status should therefore be established in the application.

The Applicant also hereby respectfully requests a refund of \$375.00 for the overpayment of the utility application filing fee for a large entity. The small entity fee of \$375.00 should have been submitted. This refund request is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a) and (b). This refund request is timely filed within three months of the mistaken payment of the large entity filing fee.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit the refund to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of the Applicant's representative.

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